

Psalm 18:1-50

## **David's Psalm when Yahweh Delivered Him From His Enemies & Saul's Hand**

God the Sovereign Savior(2 Samuel 22)

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of Yahweh (the Lord), who spoke to Yahweh (the Lord) the words of this song on the day that Yahweh (the Lord) delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

1 I will love You, O Yahweh (Lord), my strength.

2 Yahweh (The Lord) is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; Eliy (My God), my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I will call upon Yahweh (the Lord), who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon Yahweh (the Lord), And cried out to Elohay (my God); He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies.

12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.

13 Yahweh (The Lord) thundered from heaven, And Elyown (the Most High) uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O Yahweh (Lord), At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But Yahweh (the Lord) was my support.

19 He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

20 Yahweh (The Lord) rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh (the Lord), And have not wickedly departed from Elohay (my God).

22 For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.

23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

24 Therefore Yahweh (the Lord) has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to

the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

27 For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

28 For You will light my lamp; Yahweh Elohay (The Lord my God) will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by You I can run against a troop, By Elohay (my God) I can leap over a wall.

30 As for El (God), His way is perfect; The word of Yahweh (the Lord) is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

31 For who is Elowah (God), except Yahweh (the Lord)? And who is a rock, except Eloheynu (our God)?

32 It is El (God) who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

38 I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.

41 They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to Yahweh (the Lord), but He did not answer them.

42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

45 The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

46 Yahweh (The Lord) lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let Elowheey (the God) of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is El (God) who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

48 He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Yahweh (Lord), among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

50 Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ I will love You, O Yahweh (Lord), my strength.

Yahweh (The Lord) is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; Eliy (My God), my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I will call upon Yahweh (the Lord), who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. [\[Psalm 18:1-3\]](#)

◇ David acknowledged that Yahweh is the source of his strength, rock, fortress & deliverer.

◇ David used the same name Eliy for My God as did Jesus on the cross, "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani (My God, My God, why have You forsaken me)? [\[Matthew 27:46\]](#)

◇ This is the God that strengthens David and the one in whom David places his trust, calling Him my shield, horn of my salvation, and my stronghold.

◇ David declared that he will call upon Yahweh who is worthy to be praised, and Yahweh will save him from his enemies.

- ✧ The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon Yahweh (the Lord), And cried out to Elohay (my God); He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears. [\[Psalm 18:4-6\]](#)

◇ In times of greatest distress when his life was in jeopardy David cried out to Yahweh and his prayers were heard.

- ✧ Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies.

From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. <sup>13</sup>

Yahweh (The Lord) thundered from heaven, And Elyown (the Most High) uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At

Your rebuke, O Yahweh (Lord), At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. [\[Psalm 18:7-15\]](#)

◇ David described the extent of God's power and His influence against the whole earth at the time of His wrath.

- ✧ He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But Yahweh (the Lord) was my support.

He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

[\[Psalm 18:16-19\]](#)

◇ David acknowledged that his enemies were too strong for him, and how Yahweh delivered him because He delighted in him.

- ✧ Yahweh (The Lord) rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of Yahweh (the Lord), And have not wickedly departed from Elohay (my God).

For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.

I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

Therefore Yahweh (the Lord) has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight. [Psalm 18:20-24]

✧ David accepted Yahweh's help and acknowledged that Yahweh had rewarded him because of his righteousness and the cleanness of his hands.

✧ David had kept the ways of Yahweh and had not wickedly departed from Elohay.

✧ David seemingly did according to the law Yahweh had commanded for the kings of Israel. [Deuteronomy 17:14-20]

✧ With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks. [Psalm 18:25-27]

✧ David declared the ways of Yahweh among men.

✧ For You will light my lamp; Yahweh Elohay (The Lord my God) will enlighten my darkness.

For by You I can run against a troop, By Elohay (my God) I can leap over a wall.

As for El (God), His way is perfect; The word of Yahweh (the Lord) is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. [Psalm 18:28-30]

✧ David described the help & strength expected from Yahweh for himself and for those who trust in Him.

✧ For who is Elowah (God), except Yahweh (the Lord)? And who is a rock, except Eloheynu (our God)?

It is El (God) who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip. [Psalm 18:31-36]

✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh is God, and it is God who enables him to make war.

✧ Eloheynu is his rock of defense, El gave him the shield of Salvation, and the right hand of El has held him up and made him great so his feet did not slip.

✧ I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.

They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to Yahweh (the Lord), but He did not answer them.

Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

[Psalm 18:37-42]

✧ David enumerated his accomplishments through the strength given by the hand of Yahweh.

✧ You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts. [\[Psalm 18:43-45\]](#)

✧ Yahweh has delivered David from the strivings of the people and given him dominion over the people and foreign nations.

✧ Yahweh (The Lord) lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let Elowheey (the God) of my salvation be exalted.

It is El (God) who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Yahweh (Lord), among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name. [\[Psalm 18:46-49\]](#)

✧ David sings praise to Yahweh the living God, acknowledging His great salvation and deliverance from his enemies.

✧ David promised to give thanks and sing praises to Yahweh publicly among the gentiles.

✧ Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore. [\[Psalm 18:50\]](#)

✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh has given deliverance to him, and speaks of the mercy Yahweh will show to His anointed and his descendants forevermore (a reference to Messiah, a descendant of David, and His eternal kingdom).